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EDUCATION

**Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs
New York, NY**

Master of Public Administration in Environmental Science and Policy

May 2013—May 2014

- Master's core classes included classes on environmental chemistry, ecology, climatology, toxicology, hydrology, statistics, economics, and environmental policy; electives in environmental conflict, global agricultural and food systems, and ArcGIS. Independent projects and papers focused on food systems, including economic, policy, and environmental issues surrounding food systems, nationally and internationally.
- Independent field research project investigating the socioeconomic drivers of deforestation for agricultural purposes in Palawan, Philippines through household surveys and soil samples of subsistence.
- Final capstone project consulting for the Department of Sanitation in New York to improve and expand its alternative waste management streams, including composting, recycling, and textiles.

**University of Michigan, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
Ann Arbor, MI**

Bachelor of Arts with Honors in History of Art, Minor in French

September 2005—April 2009

- Completed an undergraduate literature based research thesis that recontextualized Renoir's *Bal au moulin de la galette* (1876) within the social and political history of a post-Commune Paris. Advised by Professor Howard Lay.
- Relevant coursework: Introduction to Biology, Organic Chemistry I and II, Introduction to Statistics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Earth Institute Center for Environmental Sustainability, Columbia University
New York, NY**

Project Manager

December 2015-Present

- Support director with center management, including budget, staffing and project management. Assist director with grant applications, as well as special project development and management.
- Direct, manage, and develop national and international (Jordan and Brazil) immersive summer education programs for undergraduates. Duties include curriculum development for a New York specific field course that provides an introduction to ecology and environment through the agroecosystems in and around New York City.
- Manage Executive Education Program for professionals seeking a background in environmental science and ecology. Developed and implemented a track in Sustainable Food Systems that launched in the fall of 2016.

**International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution (ICCCR), Columbia University
New York, NY**

Project Coordinator

March 2015-June 2015 & September 2015-November 2015

- ICCCR focuses on research and education regarding cooperation and conflict in society, the workplace, and interpersonally.
- Responsibilities included editing papers and blogs, coordinating classes, events, special projects, office communication, and outreach.

**Schumacher Center for a New Economics
Great Barrington, MA**

Program Assistant

June 2015—September 2015

- The Schumacher Center implements initiatives and provides education on local economy development with the belief that our environmental and equity crises are interrelated and can be lessened by strengthening local economies and communities.
- Aided in the formation of the Cuba-U.S. Agroecology Network—a network of farmers, businesses, researchers, policy makers and academicians in Cuba and the U.S. who stand in support of the continuation of Cuba's agroecological practices as the U.S. opens its borders and trade with Cuba.
- Provided research for outreach materials, facilitated member coordination, and conducted outreach to a diverse set of stakeholders to engage in the Network

Animal Agriculture Reform Collaborative

New York, NY

Summer Research Fellow, Climate Change and Animal Agriculture

July 2014-October 2014

- The Animal Agriculture Reform Collaborative is a network of nonprofits interested in reforming or eliminating industrial animal agricultural practices. Nonprofits involved in the Collaborative ranged from institutions that supported a vegan based diet, to those that supported the production and consumption of grass-fed or free-range animals.
- Researched and compiled an internal report for the Collaborative on the state of the science on animal agriculture's impact on climate change, with a focus on the environmental impacts of beef production and the potential for carbon sequestration through pasture management.

UN City Region Food System Initiative

New York, NY

Coordinating Editor

June 2014-October 2014

- This global platform was a collaborative project of UN agencies, funders, nongovernmental organizations and local authorities and associations.
- Aided in development of a global platform for technical knowledge gathering and exchange for city region food systems by compiling and editing modules from six different contributors included in the initiatives.

Brighter Green

Brooklyn, NY

Consultant

October 2012-March 2013

- Brighter Green is a public policy action tank that works to raise awareness of issues that span the environment, animals, and sustainability through white papers, events and public outreach.
- Served as editor for a policy paper on the environmental and public health effects of industrial dairy production in Southeast Asia; managed organization's social media, wrote blog posts, maintained website, and researched target audience for food policy papers.

The Green Belt Movement

Brooklyn, NY

Office Manager, U.S. Office

October 2012-March 2013

- The Greenbelt Movement supports environmental conservation, empowers local communities (with a focus on women and girls) and supports sustainable livelihoods.
- Oversaw daily operations of U.S. office for the international NGO: tracked donations, maintained website, wrote blog posts, performed bookkeeping, conducted fundraising outreach, and responded to phone and email inquiries.

Lot 2

Brooklyn, NY

Pastry chef

January 2012-March 2013

- Lot 2 is a small restaurant in Brooklyn that sources its produce and meat from local farms and purveyors.
- Produced daily baked goods for restaurant and partnering café, working with seasonal offerings.

Taste Our Goods (TOG), Sparrow Market

Ann Arbor, MI

Co-Founder, Head Chef and Manager

January 2009-September 2010

- TOG is a small lunch counter and bakery that a partner and I started through Sparrow Market in Ann Arbor, MI.
- Managed employee and kitchen operations for lunch counter and bakery. Developed and executed 25-item menu. Served between 60-100 patrons daily and operated a catering business. Supervised 6 employees, including hiring, scheduling and training.

SKILLS

Languages

- French (advanced/fluent), Spanish (beginner/conversational), Portuguese (learning beginner)

Computer Skills

- R, ArcGIS, Publisher, Photoshop (Proficient)
- Microsoft Office Suite, Wordpress, HTML (Advanced)

PUBLICATIONS, ASSISTANTSHIPS, AND GUEST LECTURES

Publications

- Editor: Ava, Jessika (2014). Beyond the Pail: the Emergence of the Industrialized Dairy Systems in Asia. Brighter Green.
- In process: Naeem, Lipton, and van Huysen. The Environmental Sustainability of Food and Farming: A Primer. Columbia University Press.

Teaching Assistantships

- Teaching-Assistant, Summer Ecosystems Experiences for Undergraduates, Agro-eco/Food Systems of NYC

Guest Lecturer and Academic Competition Judge

- Judge for the 2017 NASPAA-Batten Public Policy Student Simulation Competition on Food Security (February 2017)
- Guest Lecturer, Summer Ecosystems Experiences for Undergraduates, Agro-eco/Food Systems of NYC (August 2016)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Gowanus Canal Conservancy

Brooklyn, NY

Volunteer Coordinator

August 2012-Present

- The Gowanus Canal Conservancy is a community group focused on the environmental health of the Gowanus Canal and its watershed in Brooklyn, New York. The Gowanus Canal is a current superfund site.
- Organized volunteer groups for compost windrow build days (2012-2015), organized annual fundraising galas in 2015 and 2016, currently assist in the development of K-12 educational plans on compost, and assist in coordinating and presenting urban ecology lectures for the general public.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Queens, NY

Intern in the Department of Environmental Remediation

September 2013-February 2014

- Researched and created a FAQ web page about bioremediation of brownfields and urban lots using compost bioremediation, mycoremediation, and phytoremediation, intended as a primer for the general public.